

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION

FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title: Beaver Creek Culvert Replacement Project

2. Organization Name and address:

Multnomah County
Land Use and Transportation Program
1600 N.E. 190th Avenue
Portland, OR 97233

3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:

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4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

Three locations along the lower reach of Beaver Creek at S.E. Troutdale Road, S.E. Stark Street and Cochran Road within the City of Troutdale.

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

Multnomah County's Land Use and Transportation Program plans, builds and maintains transportation facilities.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

The project area is located along the lower three miles of Beaver Creek within the City of Troutdale. The lower reach of Beaver Creek is critical habitat to federally endangered species

including Lower Columbia River Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Trout, and candidate species including Lower Columbia River Coho Salmon. Replacing 3 culverts along Beaver Creek in the City of Troutdale will correct an environmental concern created by culverts that have been deemed fish passage barriers to upstream habitat by the Army Corps of Engineers. The proposed project will replace three existing culverts with larger culverts (i.e. bottomless arch) or bridges and remove nonfunctional fish ladders, opening 4.6 miles of Beaver Creek to fish passage. The project includes: restoring natural substrate under bridges and culverts; stabilizing stream bed to ensure no head-cutting occurs; removing non-native exotic plant species and replanting with native species along bank; and, enhancing a forested wetland adjacent to the Stark Street crossing by removing non-native species with native species. This would improve habitat for many wildlife species including neotropical migratory birds that use riparian habitat for nesting and cover, small mammals that use riparian areas as migration corridors, and native amphibians and reptiles that use wetland habitats. Replacing the culverts allows constructing segments of Troutdale Road and Stark Street to modern, urban standards. Currently these roads are two lane roads without sidewalks, drainage, bicycle lanes and turn lanes, amenities commonly found on urban roadways. Each road serves a local school, and constructing sidewalks and bike lanes improves safe access per the federal Safe Routes to Schools Program. These roads also provide an important function in accommodating growth within the urban area at the rural fringe.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

No; however, the County requested \$5M from the 2009 Interior Appropriations Bill, United States Fish and Wildlife Service - Resource Management: Ecological Services - Habitat Conservation: Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program.

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

- Interior Appropriations Bill, United States Fish and Wildlife Service - Resource Management: Ecological Services - Habitat Conservation: Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program.
- Energy & Water Bill – US Army Corps of Engineers: Construction, General

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

Replacing the Beaver Creek Culverts addresses two problems. First, it will correct an environmental concern by removing barriers to fish passage and opening 4.6 miles of waterway to fish passage. Second, replacing the culverts will allow Multnomah County to make necessary roadway improvements to Stark Street and Troutdale Road as identified in the Regional Transportation Plan and Multnomah County's Capital Improvement Plan and Program. Stark Street is currently a two lane road, planned for four travel lanes with sidewalks and bicycle lanes and a center turn lane/median. Troutdale Road is currently a two lane road, planned for two travel lanes plus sidewalks, bicycle lanes. Each road serves schools, and constructing sidewalks and bike lanes improves safe access. The roadway improvements will contribute to regional mobility.

The project is estimated to create 98 direct jobs attributable to project development and construction.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?

If so, who? Yes, Senators Wyden & Merkley, Congressmen Wu & Schrader

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years): \$7,110,000

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010: \$6,000,000

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

The county has secured \$1,000,000 in transportation funding through the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program. The County will provide \$110,000 in local match.

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

No, if the requested amount is funded in this appropriation.

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.

(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

Preliminary Engineering	\$1,485,000
Right of Way	\$ 225,000
Construction	\$4,290,000
Total	\$6,000,000

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

Sandy River Basin Partners
City of Troutdale
Metro Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

It would be possible to replace each of the three culverts independently, along with its associated road segment improvement.

Please return this form no later than February 13, 2009 (via email) to:

appropriations.blumenauer@mail.house.gov